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Applicant : Osamu Ishigami et al.
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PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
STAINLESS STEEL SEPARATOR FOR FUEL CELL
Docket No. : SHM-15962
Customer No. : 040854

COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed herewith. Also accompanying this RCE are:

- (i) Previously submitted Amendment D, which is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 6, 2009;
- (ii) Previously submitted Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form requesting a telephonic interview with the Examiner to discuss the claim amendments presented in Amendment D; and
- (iii) An Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references relating to a corresponding European patent application.

It is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. SHM-15962.

Respectfully submitted,

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